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This is in response to the Notification of Defective Response of Application dated May 9, 2007, the period for response to which is set to expire on June 9, 2007. Submitted herewith are the following:

- **English Translation**
- Preliminary Amendment

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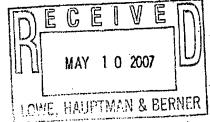
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- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/01/2006
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- Oath or Declaration filed on 02/23/2007
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Applicant's response filed 02/23/2007 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 02/14/2007 have not been completed.

The following Items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.

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